

RURAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS GRANT FUNDS

New Town, Feb. 27, 2006... State Director, for the U. S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Rural Development, Clare Carlson today presented a ceremonial check for \$497,697 to Three Affiliated Tribes, at New Town, North Dakota. Funding was made available through Rural Development's utility program Native American Set Aside Grant funds.



"The Bush Administration continues its efforts to strengthen rural communities, including Native American communities, through programs such as this," said Carlson.

The grant funds, in conjunction with matching dollars from the Indian Health Service, were used to purchase waste bins, three (3) solid waste compactor trucks, and for the construction of a storage facility and office. Because of this financial help, the solid waste system throughout the Fort Berthold Reservation is up graded to meet EPA standards.



"Waterways and groundwater resources on the Reservation will be saved and protected for your children and future generations through development of this solid waste collection system," continued Carlson. "USDA Rural Development has been working with Three Affiliated Tribes since 2004 to assist the community in solving their solid waste system problems."

In Fiscal Year 2005, USDA Rural Development provided over **\$79.8 million** in loan and grant financing to North Dakota citizens.

USDA Rural Development is the lead federal entity for rural economic and community development needs. It administers financial and technical assistance through a network of state Rural Development offices, various non-profit and educational institutional partners, and its national office.

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